

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Yale Cantor, Chairman at 6:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Yale Cantor, Helen Filloramo, Sue Stack, Hassan Salley, Cindy Hediari

**OTHER PRESENT:** Fran Van Treese, Program Manager Community Development, Robert Pagani, Chairman Board of Finance

**ABSENT:** Sharon Schall, Melinda Ferry

**EXCUSED:** Sandi Orsini

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motioned ( H. Salley), Seconded (S. Stack) and passed those present to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting.

**DISCUSSION ON NEW ELDERLY HOUSING AND A SENIOR CENTER:** The Commission entered into a discussion with Mr. Pagani and Ms. Van Treese on how to begin the process to bring elderly housing and a new senior center to town. Both agreed that first, the Commission needs to have a plan. The plan should include the scope of housing: number of units, location, and land acquisition. Some of the same considerations would be important in building a new senior center: type of activities to be housed in the center, location, and purchase of land. The plan should detail what the Town of Ellington's contribution will be.

A development consultant would be very useful in helping the Commission to create a plan to achieve its goals. But first the Commission must have a clearly stated plan for the consultant to work from. The possibility of a Planning Only Grant was discussed as a funding resource for hiring a consultant. Also discussed was applying for two separate grants, one for housing and another for a new senior center.

Mr. Pagani recommended that the Commission invited the Town Planner to the May meeting to discuss the Build Out Analysis and how it may relate to new elderly housing and a senior center. Another recommendation was to invite the Public Works Director and Town Engineer to come to a future meeting or ask to attend a Thursday morning meeting of the Town's code officials and the health department to share information and ideas about new elderly housing.

At the end of the discussion, all agreed that it had been informative and interesting. The task ahead is a large undertaking that from beginning to completion will probably take about 5 years.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Training begins May 4<sup>th</sup> for the Renters' Rebate Program. We expect our numbers to increase this year as a result of the increase in the applications filed for the Energy Program.

The Town of Ellington has received preliminary acceptance of its Department of Transportation Regional Grant with Hockanum Valley and the Towns of Vernon and Tolland.

Our grant for NCAAA was submitted on Friday and the senior center director and human services director will give a presentation on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> before the NCAAA Advisory Board in Hartford.

For the first time ever Ellington Human Services may have more than seven children attending Camp Connri in Ashford. We undertook extensive outreach in March to all the elementary Schools and the middle school. Letters were sent to school nurses, guidance counselors, and social workers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The budget was presented in March before the Board of Finance and copies of that meeting's minutes were distributed to Commission members.

The senior center director and human services director will have asked for a meeting with Fran Van Treese , Community Development Program Manager to discuss purchasing a vehicle for E-MATS. Currently there is no back transportation available if the town car is being used by another department or the van is down for repair.

H. Filloramo brought to the Commission's attention a math error in the Youth Services Budget-745. The amount should be \$23,845 no \$24, 845. This has been brought to the finance officer's Attention.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of officers at the May meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motioned (S. Stack)), Seconded (H. Filloramo) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doris Crayton", written in dark ink.

Doris Crayton,  
Acting Secretary